

**Supplemental Final Rule - Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment
for the South Atlantic Region
Revision of Commercial Quota for Greater Amberjack**

Frequently Asked Questions – July 2012

What does the Supplemental Final Rule for the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment do?

- The supplemental final rule specifies the revised commercial quota for greater amberjack of 769,388 pounds gutted weight in the regulations, as described in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment.

Why is this Supplemental Rule necessary?

- The commercial quota for greater amberjack, which was included in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment, was inadvertently not specified in the proposed or final rules. So, the current commercial quota is 1,169,931 pounds gutted weight.
- The commercial quota for greater amberjack, as stated in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment was 769,388 pounds gutted weight. NOAA Fisheries Service approved the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment on January 18, 2012, and the final rule published on March 16, 2012 (77 FR 15916).
- Therefore, the subject supplemental final rule specifies the revised commercial quota for greater amberjack of 769,388 pounds gutted weight, as described in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment.

Who is affected by the Supplemental Proposed Rule for the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment?

- Commercial fishers who fish for greater amberjack in the South Atlantic exclusive economic zone (3-200 miles offshore).

Where can I get more information on the Supplemental Proposed Rule for the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment?

- The supplemental final rule may be found online at the NOAA Fisheries Web site at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/SASnapperGrouperHomepage.htm> and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Web site at www.safmc.net
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